

American College of Trial Lawyers, John Gill has left an indelible mark on our State's legal landscape over his six-decade career.

From serving as a delegate to the 1969 Arkansas Constitutional Convention and shaping the Arkansas Supreme Court's Rules of Civil Procedure, John's legacy is one of integrity and mentorship.

Through this endowment, Hendrix will continue to enhance its already impressive prelaw program, which boasts an 87 percent law school acceptance rate.

Madam Speaker, I commend Hendrix College and the Gill family for their commitment to advancing legal education in Arkansas, and I look forward to seeing those students thrive in law school and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAINTERLAND SISTERS

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the recipients of this year's Pennsylvania Dairy Innovator Award, Stephanie and Hayley Painter, the visionary founders of Painterland Sisters.

Growing up on their family's fourth-generation farm in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, Stephanie and Hayley were deeply rooted in the traditions of dairy farming. Their upbringing instilled in them a profound appreciation for the land, animals, and the farming community.

This foundation inspired their mission to bridge the gap between consumers and the origins of their food, leading to the creation of the Painterland Sisters brand.

In 2018, they embarked on a journey to transform their vision into reality. By March 2022, their organic skyr yogurt hit the shelves and, today, can now be found in all 50 States, with a production of approximately 270,000 units weekly. This remarkable growth is a testament to their dedication and entrepreneurial spirit.

The Pennsylvania Dairy Innovator Award recognizes an individual or business entity that has provided tremendous innovation to progress Pennsylvania's dairy industry towards a brighter future either by advancing the marketplace or creating new opportunities for innovation on the dairy farm.

This dynamic duo is a shining example of just that. The Painterland Sisters source milk from their farm and partner with 25 other Pennsylvania dairy farms. They ensure that their products are not only of the highest quality but also support local farming practices.

Beyond their product lines, Stephanie and Hayley have positioned themselves as leaders and advocates within the agricultural community. They actively engage with educational pro-

grams, mentor young agriculturalists, and collaborate with organizations such as the Center for Dairy Excellence and the Pennsylvania Organic Center for Excellence.

Their involvement extends to hosting farm tours, participating in community events, and serving on advisory committees. Their efforts have garnered significant recognition.

Along with this year's Pennsylvania Dairy Innovator Award, the sister duo earned a spot on Forbes' "30 under 30—Food & Drink" list in 2023.

Their accolades underscore their impact and the respect that they have earned within the industry. The Painterland Sisters' story is a powerful example of how passion, innovation, and a commitment to core values can drive meaningful change in the dairy industry.

Like many young farmers, the Painter sisters were looking for ways to carry on their family's agricultural legacy while making it their own. The Painter sisters' dedication and passion for their family farm and business have led to tremendous success.

Madam Speaker, the Painterland Sisters' commitment to making a difference sets an inspiring example for the next generation of dairy farmers and entrepreneurs. I congratulate them on this well-deserved recognition and thank them for their contributions to Pennsylvania agriculture.

HONORING THE HON. JAMES FREDRICK HAHN

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS of Iowa was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a dear friend and a former Iowa State Representative, James Fredrick Hahn.

James was a public servant who dedicated his life to bettering his community and the State of Iowa.

James was a true Iowan. He was a farmer in Muscatine County. He was hardworking, principled, honorable, and had impeccable integrity in the likes of John Wayne.

Throughout his time in the Iowa Legislature, James fought for the values that make our rural State great. He was a champion for rural communities, farmers, and agriculture, and supported policies that put Iowans first. His leadership and integrity left a lasting impression and impact on Iowans, and his legacy will never be forgotten.

Beyond his service in office, James was a family man and a friend to many. His kindness, wisdom, and dedication to serving Iowa will be remembered by all.

Mr. Speaker, my prayers are with his family, friends, and everyone mourning his passing. May we honor his memory by continuing to serve with the same commitment and passion that he did.

RECOGNIZING WILL RYAN

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an out-

standing young Iowan, Will Ryan, for his nomination for the Big Ten's prestigious Jackie Robinson Community Service and Impact Award.

Will is not only a standout junior on the University of Iowa's track and field and cross-country teams, but he is also a community leader. Will's commitment to giving back started early by volunteering to feed the homeless as a middle schooler. That spirit of service has not only grown but has continued. Today, when he is not setting records on the track, he is dedicating his time to the University of Iowa's Stead Family Children's Hospital.

His connection to Stead is personal. Having spent a week there in high school, he saw firsthand the incredible care and support that the hospital provides. This experience inspired him to give back, ensuring that other children received the same comfort and encouragement that he once did.

Will embodies what it truly means to be a Hawkeye. Will is determined, compassionate, and committed to making a difference.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the leader he has become, and I can't think of anyone more deserving of this honor. I congratulate Will on receiving this award.

CONGRATULATING FRED MILLER ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I wish my brother, Fred, a very happy birthday.

Happy birthday to Fred.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Lord, You know those who are Your own. On this day, as we grieve the loss of our brother Representative SYLVESTER TURNER, remind us that You wrote all of his days before the first one came to be.

And in Your providence, You allowed our lives' journeys to share the path of his own for a time, that we would be graced by his generous spirit, his affable presence, his devotion to You, and to the work You set before him.

Guide him now, Your good and faithful servant, to the springs of the water of life, that he may feast at the banquet You have spread before him, seated at table with all the saints.

Wipe every tear from our eyes and grant us the peace in knowing that the gift of Congressman SYLVESTER TURNER's memory will be both a blessing and an inspiration to us as we seek to glorify You, as he did, in the living of these days.

In Your eternal name, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JOHNSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNIZING ESSENTIAL LEGISLATION THAT SUPPORTS OUR NATION'S VETERANS

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize essential legislation that supports our Nation's veterans. We must ensure that our veterans are cared for and have the resources they need to thrive so no veteran is left behind.

Currently, too many of our veterans struggle with the difficulties of transitioning back into civilian life and far too many continue to face homelessness or housing instability.

The Department of Veterans Affairs created the Grant and Per Diem program to help address this issue.

Unfortunately, the application process for GPD grants is complex and burdensome, often discouraging participation from groups that can make a real difference.

To correct these inefficiencies, I am introducing the bipartisan Simplifying Veterans Assistance Act, which requires the VA to provide clear guidance and best practices for organizations applying for GPD grants.

By simplifying the GPD application process and enhancing communication between the VA and community organizations, we ensure that those dedicated to serving our veterans have the necessary tools and resources to combat veteran homelessness effectively.

DON'T VOTE FOR A BILL THAT DISMANTLES THE GOVERNMENT

(Ms. JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, the House is soon going to vote on some legislation that guts Medicaid and it slashes healthcare for veterans. It cuts funding from important infrastructure projects and takes food away from families struggling to survive.

We have a choice: We can invest in the people we serve, or we can let Republicans burn it down.

I am fighting for \$2 million to help our Dallas Police Officers tackle violent crime, gangs, and drug trafficking. I am working to secure over \$1 million to upgrade security at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport because keeping Americans safe should not be up for debate.

We can fund these programs, but instead of trying to make government work, Republicans are doing everything they can to break it, stripping away services that millions of people rely on.

I will not vote for a bill that carries out Trump's mission to dismantle our government. I will not vote for a bill that takes healthcare, food, and security from the people who need it most, especially as they work to line the pockets of Trump and his friends on the backs of hardworking Americans.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleague to do what is right and vote "no" on this bill. Let's stand up for the people who sent us here.

HONORING THE 100th BIRTHDAY OF A TRUE AMERICAN HERO, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN PAUL SURPRENANT

(Mr. HARIDOPOLOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, Lieutenant Commander John Paul Surprenant, a retired officer in the United States Navy, as we celebrate his upcoming 100th birthday and service to our country.

Paul joined the Navy as a seaman recruit in 1943. He rose through the ranks to become a lieutenant commander over a distinguished 30-year career. He served on 13 Navy vessels, including the USS *Tirante* during World War II, where his crew was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. He is the last surviving member of that crew.

Beyond his wartime service, his greatest legacy is his family: his wife, Louise, a fellow Navy veteran, and their five children, two of whom served in uniform.

Now retired in my hometown of Melbourne, Florida, Paul remains a proud patriot whose century of life has been dedicated to the service of our country and his family.

Madam Speaker, today, I honor Lieutenant Commander Surprenant. The Nation salutes him.

ENSURE OUR GROWERS HAVE ACCESS TO CUTTING-EDGE PRECISION AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGIES

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to highlight the Promoting Precision Agriculture Act, legislation I introduced with the gentleman from Kansas, TRACEY MANN.

Agriculture is our top industry in North Carolina. The bill would establish a partnership between the Federal Government and the private sector to create voluntary interconnectivity standards and prioritize the cybersecurity needs for precision agriculture technologies.

Precision agriculture includes robotics, sensors, monitors, and drones to help growers increase efficiency, potentially boosting crop yields while lowering costs for fuel, fertilizer, and other inputs.

It helps our farmers to be successful, profitable, and productive. We must ensure our growers have access to the cutting-edge precision agriculture technologies and broadband services necessary to do what they do best, and that is feed, fuel, and clothe the American people.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. FOOX). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1600

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BENTZ) at 4 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

SUBTERRANEAN BORDER DEFENSE ACT

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 495) to require annual reports on counter illicit cross-border tunnel operations, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows: